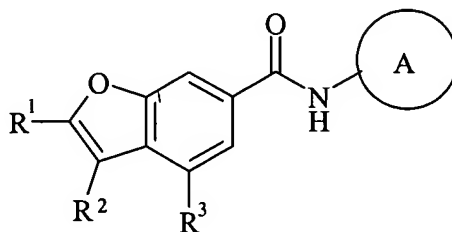


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula (I):



(I)

wherein:

**Ring A** is pyridin-2-yl or thiazol-2-yl; wherein said pyridin-2-yl or thiazol-2-yl ~~is~~ may be optionally substituted on carbon by one or more groups selected from R<sup>4</sup>;

~~One~~ one of R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen and the other is hydrogen or C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl; wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are optionally ~~may be~~ substituted on carbon by one or more groups selected from R<sup>5</sup>;

R<sup>3</sup> is selected from C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, carbocyclyl, heterocyclyl, carbocycloxy and heterocycloxy; wherein R<sup>3</sup> ~~is~~ may be independently optionally substituted on carbon by one or more groups selected from R<sup>6</sup>; and wherein if said heterocyclyl contains an -NH- moiety that nitrogen ~~may be~~ is optionally substituted by C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl;

R<sup>4</sup> is selected from halo, carboxy and C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl;

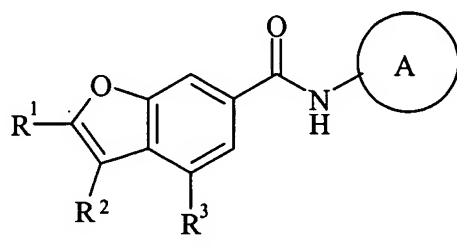
R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> are independently selected from halo, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, *N*-(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino, *N,N*-(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)<sub>2</sub>amino, carbocyclyl, heterocyclyl, carbocycloxy, heterocycloxy and carbocyclylidenyl; wherein R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> ~~may be~~ are independently optionally substituted on carbon by one or more R<sup>7</sup>; and wherein if said heterocyclyl contains an -NH- moiety that nitrogen ~~may be~~ is optionally substituted by C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl;

R<sup>7</sup> is selected from halo, carboxy, methyl, ethyl, methoxy, ethoxy, methylamino, ethylamino, dimethylamino, diethylamino and *N*-methyl-*N*-ethylamino;

or a salt, solvate or pro-drug thereof.

2. (Original) A compound according to Claim 1 wherein Ring A is unsubstituted or is substituted by carboxy.
3. (Currently Amended) A ~~compounds~~ compound according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1 wherein one of  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  is hydrogen and the other is hydrogen or  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl.
4. (Currently Amended) A compound according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1 wherein  $R^3$  is selected from  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxy; wherein  $R^3$  ~~may be~~ is independently optionally substituted on carbon by one or more groups selected from  $R^6$ .
5. (Currently Amended) A compound according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1 wherein  $R^3$  is selected from 2-fluorobenzyloxy, 5-methylisoxazol-3-ylmethoxy and 2-thien-3-ylethoxy
6. (Original) A compound according to Claim 1 selected from:
  - 2-methyl-4-isobutoxy-6-[*N*-(5-carboxypyridin-2-yl)carbamoyl]benzofuran;
  - 2-methyl-4-(2-fluorophenylmethoxy)-6-[*N*-(5-carboxypyridin-2-yl)carbamoyl]benzofuran;
  - 2-methyl-4-isobutoxy-6-[*N*-(5-carboxythiazol-2-yl)carbamoyl]benzofuran;
  - 2-methyl-4-(5-methylisoxazol-3-ylmethoxy)-6-[*N*-(5-carboxypyridin-2-yl)carbamoyl]benzofuran;
  - 4-(2-fluorophenylmethoxy)-6-[*N*-(5-carboxypyridin-2-yl)carbamoyl]benzofuran;
  - 4-(5-methylisoxazol-3-ylmethoxy)-6-[*N*-(5-carboxypyridin-2-yl)carbamoyl]benzofuran;
  - 2-methyl-4-(thien-2-ylethoxy)-6-[*N*-(5-carboxypyridin-2-yl)carbamoyl]benzofuran; and
  - 2-methyl-4-isobutoxy-6-[*N*-(thiazol-2-yl)carbamoyl]benzofuran;or a salt, solvate or pro-drug thereof.

7. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to any one of Claims 1 to 6, or a salt, pro-drug or solvate thereof, together with a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier.
8. (Currently Amended) A method of treating a disease mediated through glucokinase, comprising administering a compound according to any one of Claims 1 to 6 for use in the preparation of a medicament for treatment of a disease mediated through GLK.
9. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing a compound of formula (I); ~~as defined in Claim 1,~~



(I)

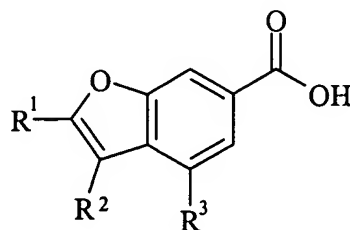
wherein:

Ring A is pyridin-2-yl or thiazol-2-yl; wherein said pyridin-2-yl or thiazol-2-yl is optionally substituted on carbon by one or more groups selected from R<sup>4</sup>;  
one of R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen and the other is hydrogen or C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl; wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are optionally substituted on carbon by one or more groups selected from R<sup>5</sup>;  
R<sup>3</sup> is selected from C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, carbocyclyl, heterocyclyl, carbocycloxy and heterocycloxy; wherein R<sup>3</sup> is independently optionally substituted on carbon by one or more groups selected from R<sup>6</sup>; and wherein if said heterocyclyl contains an -NH- moiety that nitrogen is optionally substituted by C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl;  
R<sup>4</sup> is selected from halo, carboxy and C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl;  
R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> are independently selected from halo, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, N-(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino, N,N-(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)<sub>2</sub>amino, carbocyclyl, heterocyclyl, carbocycloxy, heterocycloxy and carbocyclylidenyl; wherein R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> are independently optionally substituted on carbon by one or more R<sup>7</sup>; and wherein if said heterocyclyl contains an -NH- moiety that nitrogen is optionally substituted by C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl;

R<sup>7</sup> is selected from halo, carboxy, methyl, ethyl, methoxy, ethoxy, methylamino, ethylamino, dimethylamino, diethylamino and N-methyl-N-ethylamino

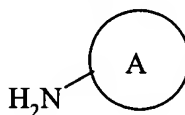
or a salt, solvate or pro-drug thereof, which process (~~wherein variable groups are, unless otherwise specified, as defined in Claim 1~~) comprises:

*Process 1*): reacting an acid of formula (II):



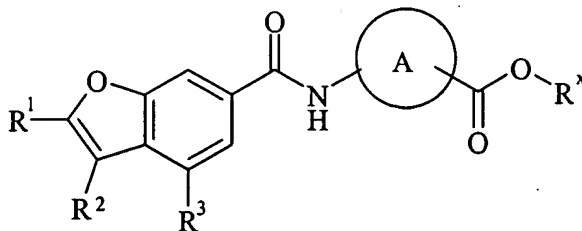
(II)

or an activated derivative thereof; with a compound of formula (III); or



(III)

*Process 2*) for compounds of formula (I) wherein R<sup>4</sup> is carboxy; deprotecting a compound of formula (III):



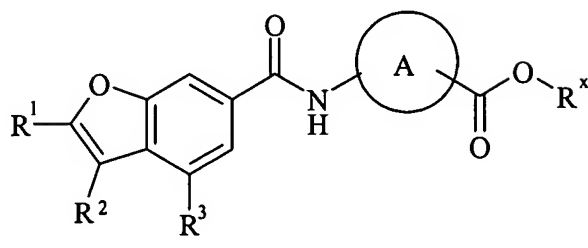
(III)

wherein R<sup>x</sup>C(O)O- is an ester group;

and optionally thereafter if necessary or desirable:

- i) converting a compound of the formula (I) into another compound of the formula (I);
- and/or
- ii) removing any protecting groups; and/or
- iii) forming a salt, solvate or pro-drug thereof, or a combination thereof.

10. A compound of formula (III); as defined in Claim 9



**(III)**

wherein:

R<sup>x</sup>C(O)O- is an ester group;

Ring A is pyridin-2-yl or thiazol-2-yl; wherein said pyridin-2-yl or thiazol-2-yl is

optionally substituted on carbon by one or more groups selected from R<sup>4</sup>; and

one of R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen and the other is hydrogen or C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl; wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are

optionally substituted on carbon by one or more groups selected from R<sup>5</sup>;

R<sup>3</sup> is selected from C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, carbocyclyl, heterocyclyl, carbocycloxy and

heterocycloxy; wherein R<sup>3</sup> is independently optionally substituted on carbon by

one or more groups selected from R<sup>6</sup>; and wherein if said heterocyclyl contains an

-NH- moiety that nitrogen is optionally substituted by C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl;

R<sup>4</sup> is selected from halo, carboxy and C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl;

R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> are independently selected from halo, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, N-(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino,

N,N-(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)<sub>2</sub>amino, carbocyclyl, heterocyclyl, carbocycloxy, heterocycloxy

and carbocyclidenyl; wherein R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> are independently optionally substituted

on carbon by one or more R<sup>7</sup>; and wherein if said heterocyclyl contains an -NH-

moiety that nitrogen is optionally substituted by C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl; and

R<sup>7</sup> is selected from halo, carboxy, methyl, ethyl, methoxy, ethoxy, methylamino,

ethylamino, dimethylamino, diethylamino and N-methyl-N-ethylamino.